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SUBJ: COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS: AGENDA ITEM 10-DRUG ABUSE.

1. MORE THAN 20 DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATED IN DRUG ABUSE DEBATE. THEIR STATEMENTS INDICATED CONSENSUS THAT SLIGHT INCREASES IN ABUSE ARE OCCURRING IN MOST COUNTRIES BUT THAT EPIDEMIC EXPANSION IS NOT OCCURRING AT PRESENT. POLYDRUG ABUSE AND SUBSTITUTION OF ONE TYPE OF SYNTHETIC DRUG FOR ANOTHER IN PATTERNS OF ABUSE WERE FREQUENTLY MENTIONED THEMES. HUNGARIAN DEL PONTED OUT DIFFERENCE BWETWEEN QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF TRENDS AND USSR LATER INDICATED THAT STATISTICS ARE NOT IMPORTANT BUT THEIR ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION ARE.

2. NO SURPRISES APPEARED IN DELEGATES' STATEMENTS. OPEN, CANDID REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY U.K. (AND HONG KONG), SWEDEN, INDONESIA, CANADA AND U.S.A. OVER HALF THE STATEMENTS HIGHLIGHTED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS ON TREATMENT, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH.

3. RECOMMENDATION TO ECOSOC FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION

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ON DEMAND REDUCTION, DRAFTED BY CANADA AND COSPONSORED

BY TEN OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S., PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
TEXT BELOW. CANADAIAN REP INDICATED THAT GOC
WILL INTRODUCE SIMILAR RESOLUTION AT NEXT WORLD HEALTH
ASSEMBLY AND REQUESTED USG CONSIDER COSPONSORSHIP.

4. USSR REP AGAIN STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE USE OF METHA-
DONE (U.S.) AND THE USE OF HERION (U.K.) IN TREATMENT
AND URGED THAT THESE ISSUES BE TAKEN UP AS SPECIAL
QUESTIONS. FRENCH REP ALSO HIGHLY CRITICAL OF METHA-
DONE. DUE TO WIDESPREAD LACK OF INFORMATION AND MISUNDER-
STANDING OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, U.S. DEL WILL
WORK TO ACHIEVE THOROUGH REVIEW OF PHARMACO THERAPIES
FOR DRUG DEPENDENCE AT NEXT CND SESSION.

5. USSR REP SAID RATE OF ADDICTION AMONG PHYSICIANS IS
MUCH HIGHER IN THE U.S. THAN IN USSR. HE APPEARED TO
BE SOMEWHAT MORE CANDID THAN AT PREVIOUS CND SESSIONS,
HOWEVER, IN TALKING ABOUT DRUG PROBLEMS IN USSR, SAYING
THAT "WE DO HAVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF ADDICTS AND THERE
IS SOME USE OF CANNABIS IN THE PROVINCES".

6. NEW CONSENSUS EMERGED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING
EFFORTS TO REDUCE DEMAND AT SPECIAL LUNCHEON CHAIRED
BY DR. DUPONT, DIRECTOR SAODAP AND NIDA, WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF CANADA, U.S. AND MEXICO APPEARING IN AGREEMENT
WITH COUNTERPARTS FROM SWEDEN, NIGERIA, IRAN
EGYPT, AUSTRALIA AND OTHERS.

7. FOLLOWIING IS THE TEXT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECOSOC
ON "MEASURES TO REDUCE ILLICIT DEMAND FOR DRUGS":
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
(A) RECALLING ARTICLE 38 OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON
NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961, AND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS
WHA 23.42, WHA 24.57, WHA 25.62 AND WHA 26.52
RELATING TO THE TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTS,
(B) CONVINCED THAT MEASURES TO REDUCE ILLICIT SUPPLY OF
DRUGS CANNOT BE EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN UNLESS MEASURES
ARE ALSO TAKEN CONCURRENTLY TO REDUCE ILLICIT DEMAND FOR
DRUGS,
(C) RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITARIAN NECESSITY OF HELPING
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VICTIMS OF DRUG ABUSE BY THEIR TREATMENT AS A FIRST STEP,
FOLLOWED BY THEIR REHABILITATION INTO SOCIETY,
1. RECOMMENDS THAT GOVERNMENTS TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE
MEASURES TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE TEAT-
MENT FACILITIES FOR ADDICTS;
2. REQUESTS THAT WHO, WITH THE AID OF UNFDAC AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE SOURCES, ASSIST GOVERNMENTS FINANCIALLY OR
TECHNICALLY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES,

ACCORDING TO THEIR REQUEST, TO APPLY TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION MEASURES;

3. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT GOVERNMENTS INCORPORATE MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DRUG ABUSE INTO THEIR INTEGRATED PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS,

4. RECOMMENDS THAT THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL BODIES PROMOTE WORLDWIDE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERTISE ON PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RESEARCH IN THESE FIELDS;

5. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT, IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR NEW METHODS OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE PROCESSES OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, GOVERNMENTS PURSUE FURTHER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THESE FIELDS. DALE

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